

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A display device that is capable of displaying predetermined display information in each of a plurality of display areas, the display device comprising:

a setting unit for setting display control information that represents the position and size of the display area and the switching of the display information for which a predetermined event is detected, based on user inputs; and

a display control unit for controlling one display including the plurality of display areas such that the display information is displayed in each of the plurality of display areas, based on the display control information set by the setting unit,

wherein, upon detection of the event, the display control unit switches the position or size of the display area where the display information for which the event is detected is displayed based on the display control information.

2. A display device according to Claim 1,

wherein the setting unit sets information representing the priority of the display information as the display control information, and

wherein the display control unit controls the position

and size of the display area in accordance with the information representing the priority.

3. A display device according to Claim 1,  
wherein the setting unit sets, as the display control information, the information representing a link item that another display device uses to display the display information displayed in the display area.

4. A display device according to Claim 1,  
wherein, upon detection of sound volume exceeding a predetermined threshold value as the event in a program that is displayed in the display areas as the display control information, the display control unit controls the position or size of the display area where the program is displayed.

5. A display device according to Claim 1,  
wherein, upon reception of email as the event, the display control unit controls the position or size of the display area where the display information concerning the email is displayed.

6. A display device according to Claim 1,  
wherein, at a predetermined time of day as the event, the display control unit controls the position or size of

the display area.

7. A display device according to Claim 1,  
wherein, upon detection of a person as the event in a picture displayed in the display areas, the display control unit controls the position or size of the display area where the picture is displayed.

8. A display device according to Claim 1, further comprising a generating unit for generating a plurality of symbols representing the display control information,  
wherein the display control unit sequentially displays as the display control information each of the plurality of symbols that is generated by the generating unit.

9. A display device according to Claim 8, further comprising:

a detecting unit for detecting the symbol each time the plurality of symbols, representing the display control information, is sequentially displayed in another display device as the display information; and

an acquiring unit for acquiring the display control information based on the plurality of symbols detected by the detecting unit.

10. A display method of a display device that is capable of displaying predetermined display information in each of a plurality of display areas, the display method comprising the steps of:

setting display control information that represents the position and size of the display area and the switching of the display information for which a predetermined event is detected, based on user inputs; and

controlling one display including the plurality of display areas such that the display information is displayed in each of the plurality of display areas, based on the display control information set in the setting step,

wherein, upon detection of the event, the position or size of the display area where the display information for which the event is detected is displayed is switched based on the display control information in the controlling step.

11. A program that causes a computer to execute a display process for displaying predetermined display information in each of a plurality of display areas, the program comprising the steps of:

setting display control information that represents the position and size of the display area and the switching of the display information for which a predetermined event is detected, based on user inputs; and

controlling one display including the plurality of display areas such that the display information is displayed in each of the plurality of display areas, based on the display control information set in the setting step,

wherein, upon detection of the event, the position or size of the display area where the display information for which the event is detected is displayed is switched based on the display control information in the controlling step.